

MY ALLAH SERIES

BE THANKFUL TO ALLAH



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Dedication

This book is dedicated to the beloved Imām of our time (‘aj). May Allah (swt) hasten his reappearance and help us to become his true companions.



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Acknowledgments

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): On the Day of Resurrection, the ink of the scholars will be weighed up against the blood of the martyrs, and the ink of the scholars will be heavier than the blood of the martyrs.

Nahj al-Faṣāḥah, Saying #3222.

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Marḥūmīn Dedication

Please recite a Sūrah al-Fātiḥah for Marḥūmah Salma Kassam,
a wonderful mother and dedicated teacher of Islam.

Preface

Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ): Nurture and raise your children in the best way. Raise them with the love of the Prophets and the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a).

Literature is an influential form of media that often shapes the thoughts and views of an entire generation. Therefore, in order to establish an Islamic foundation for future generations, there is a dire need for compelling Islamic literature. Over the past several years, this need has become increasingly prevalent throughout Islamic centers and schools everywhere. Due to the growing dissonance between parents, children, society, and the teachings of Islam and the Ahl al-Bayt (‘a), this need has become even more pressing. Al-Kisa Foundation, along with its subsidiary, Kisa Kids Publications, was conceived in an effort to help bridge this gap with the guidance of ‘ulamā’ and the help of educators. We would like to make this a communal effort and platform. Therefore, we sincerely welcome constructive feedback and help in any capacity.

The goal of *My Allah Series* is to help children form a loving and positive relationship with their Creator and leave them wanting to know more about Allah. We hope that you and your children enjoy these books and use them as a means to achieve this goal, inshā’Allāh.

We pray to Allah to give us the strength and tawfīq to perform our duties and responsibilities.

With Du‘ās,
Nabi R. Mir (Abidi)

About the Board ‘Ālim

Moulana Nabi R. Mir (Abidi) is a scholar, an educator, a father, and an enthusiast for creating educational infrastructure and Islamic resources for the benefit of the global community. Always wanting to think outside the box by supporting the creation of innovative materials to engage young readers to pick up Islamic books, interact with Qur’ānic games, learn from the Steps to Perfection Curriculum and begin their life long journey of holistic education.

Being a dedicated student and graduate of Darse Khārij from Ḥawzah, Moulana Abidi knows the value of Islamic education. Also, growing up in India while now residing in the United States, he has had the honor to meet with various communities and community leaders, and values the importance of collaboration and working together to optimize potentials and to create open source platforms so information and resources are available and accessible to all.

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You, dear reader, are now part of the Al-Kisa family. Share the word, and join the mission.



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PARENTS' CORNER

وَأَشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ

And thank Me, and do not be ungrateful to Me
(Sūrah al-Baqarah, Verse 152)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Gratefulness is a fundamental concept in Islamic akhlāq. To possess true shukr and gratefulness means to use Allah's blessings wisely and for their true purpose: submission and nearness to Allah. Unfortunately, gratefulness is a characteristic that has all but lost its intrinsic value in today's society.

Allah says in the Qur'ān, *"And He has given you all that you had asked Him. If you count Allah's blessings, you will not be able to count them. Indeed man is most unfair and ungrateful!"* (14:34)

Imām 'Alī ('a) has said, "The minimum responsibility we have towards Allah is not to use His blessings in the path of disobedience."

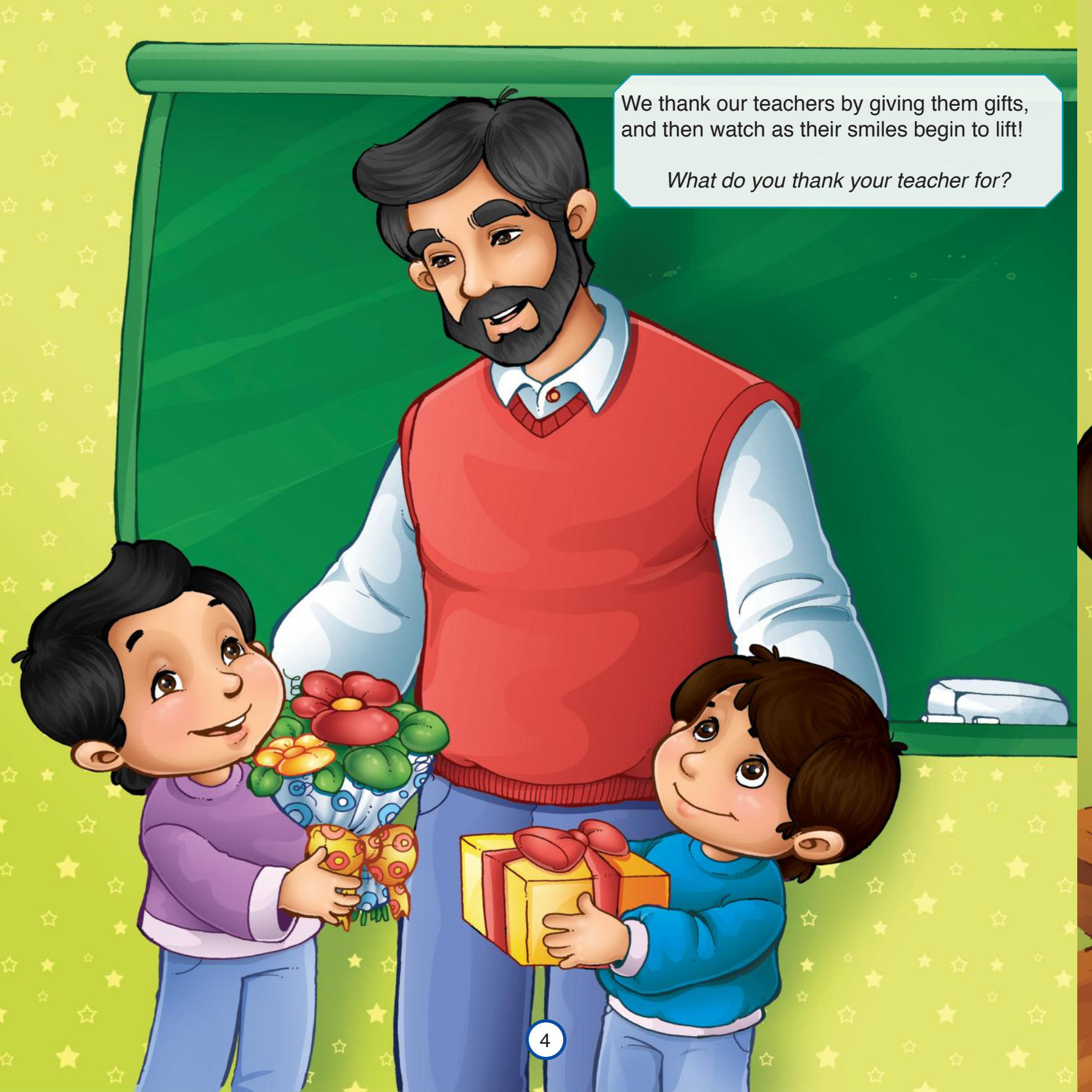
The Qur'ān urges us to try and attain the status of the shākirīn, those who are grateful. As parents, it is very important that we teach our children to be grateful at all levels: in our hearts, speech, and actions. We can do this by recognizing that all blessings are from Allah, verbally expressing gratitude, and using our blessings in their intended manner. Through this book, inshā'Allāh your children will discover some of the ways we can be grateful!

With Du'ās,
Kisa Kids Publications

There are many ways to thank the people who help us everyday.
We thank our parents by giving them kisses and listening to what they say.

What are some things you can thank your parents for?



A colorful illustration of a male teacher with a beard and mustache, wearing a red sweater vest over a light blue shirt, standing in a classroom. He is smiling and looking down at two young students. On the left, a girl with dark hair, wearing a purple sweater and blue pants, is holding a large bouquet of red and orange flowers wrapped in blue and white patterned paper. On the right, a boy with dark hair, wearing a blue sweater and blue pants, is holding a yellow gift box with a red bow. The background features a green chalkboard and a yellow wall with small white stars. A white speech bubble is positioned in the upper right corner.

We thank our teachers by giving them gifts,
and then watch as their smiles begin to lift!

What do you thank your teacher for?



We thank our friends by sharing our toys.
Oh, how that fills our hearts with joy!

Which toys do you share with your friends?



How can we thank Allah when He has given us so much?
He has given us family, friends, and food that we eat for dinner and lunch.

What do you see in the picture that the family should thank Allah for?



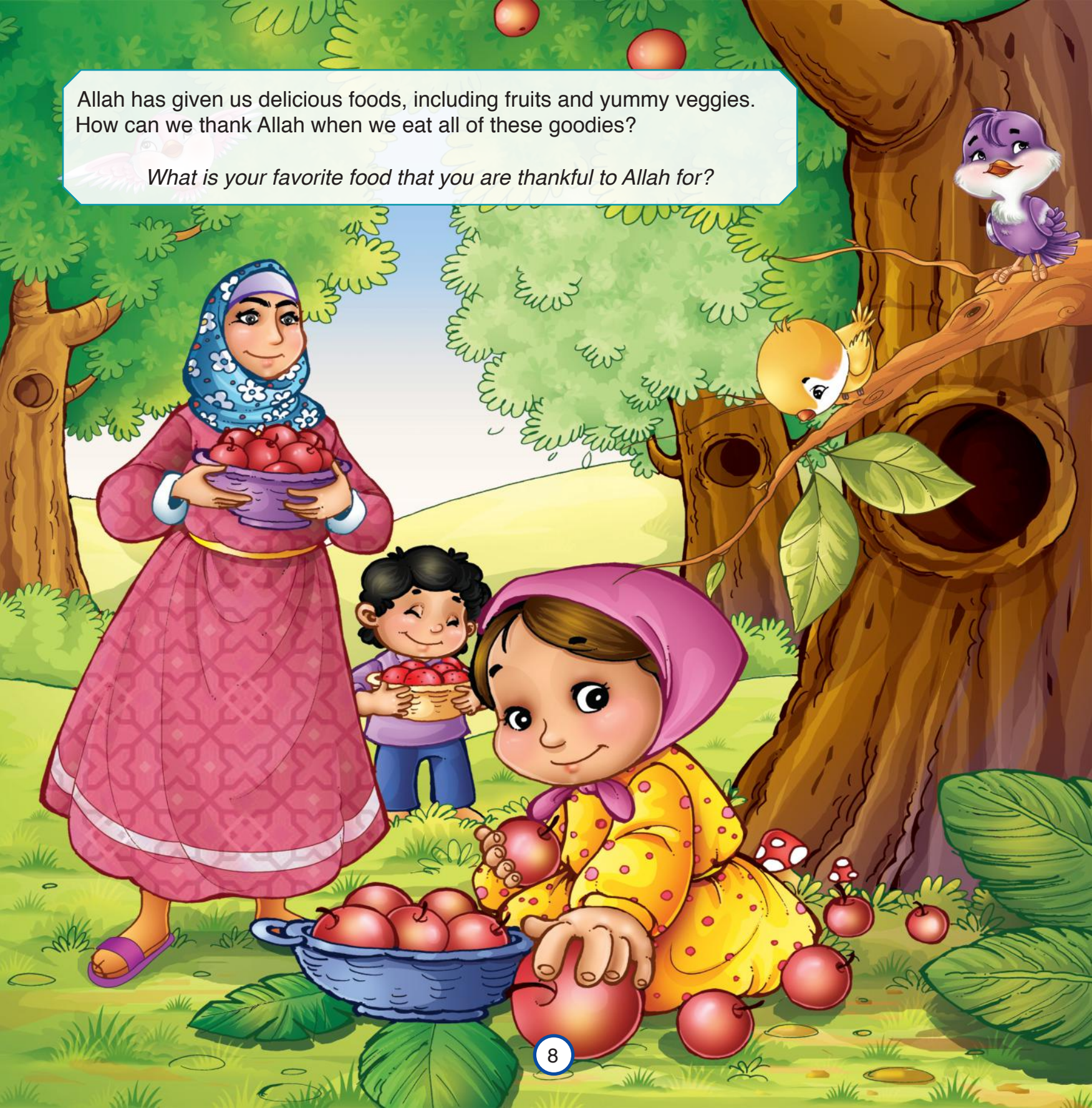


Allah gave us hands, legs, and eyes so we can play on the swings.
We should thank Allah when we use any of these things.

How do you use your hands, legs, and eyes when you are at the park?

Allah has given us delicious foods, including fruits and yummy veggies.
How can we thank Allah when we eat all of these goodies?

What is your favorite food that you are thankful to Allah for?



We can thank Allah by using gentle words and doing good deeds.
I am thanking Allah by kindly helping my sister with what she needs.

What good things have you done?



When we help our mother water the plants,
we are thanking Allah for our wonderful hands.

How do you use your hands to help your mother?



When we visit the masjid and pray with each other,
we thank Allah for our sisters and brothers!

What are some things you do when you go to the masjid?



When we visit the sick, we are thanking Allah for our healthy bodies.
So, let's thank Allah by doing good deeds, everybody!

*Let's practice saying, "Thank you, Allah!"
Shukranlillāh!**



***Pronunciation Guide:**

ā is an elongated "a" sound, like "aa"

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT!

From this story, your children learned that we should always be thankful to Allah. To emphasize the main objective of this book, please try to do the following:

- Reread *Be Thankful to Allah* to your children. Young children crave repetition and become more familiar with a book the more they read it.
- Remind your children that all blessings ultimately come from Allah.
- Help your children make a list of all the things they are thankful for in their lives.
- Teach your children the phrase alḥamdulillāh, so it becomes a common word in their daily vocabulary. Model saying this word to them.
- Teach your children that true gratefulness is using Allah's blessings for their intended purpose. Make a list of these blessings and their proper usage (i.e., tongue to say nice things, food to get stronger to do actions that please Allah, sleep to refresh and do good deeds).

Transliteration Chart

Arabic terms in this book have been transliterated according to the following guidelines*:

ء	a, i, or u (initial form)	ض	ḍ
ء	'(medial or final form)	ط	ṭ
ا	a	ظ	ẓ
ب	b	ع	ʿ
ت	t	غ	gh
ث	th	ف	f
ج	j	ق	q
ح	ḥ	ك	k
خ	kh	ل	l
د	d	م	m
ذ	dh	ن	n
ر	r	ه	h
ز	z	و	w
س	s	ي	y
ش	sh		
ص	ṣ		

اَ	a	آ / اَ / اِ	ā
اِ	i	اِي	ī
اُ	u	اُو	ū
اَ اِ اُ	double letter		

*Please note that due to limitations, the transliteration is not 100% accurate in capturing tajwīd rules.

Glossary

(ṣ): Peace and blessings be upon Prophet Muḥammad and his family

(swt): All Glory belongs to God, the Glorified and Exalted

(‘a): Peace and blessings be upon him/her

(‘aj): May God hasten his reappearance

Ahl al-Bayt: Divinely appointed family members of Prophet Muḥammad (ṣ)

Akhlāq: Etiquette, morals

al-Fātiḥah: The first *sūrah* that is commonly recited and sent as a gift of prayer for the deceased

Alḥamdulillāh: All praise is for God

Allah: The Arabic term for God, a culmination of all His holy names and titles

Du‘ā’: Supplication; a deep connection and communication between an individual and God

Imām: A divinely appointed leader, sometimes refers to a spiritual leader

Inshā’Allāh: God-willing

Marḥūmīn: Someone who has passed away

Masjid: Mosque

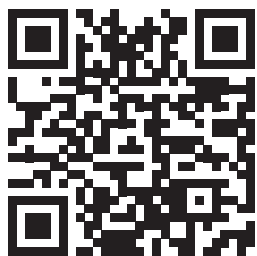
Qur’ān: The holy book of Muslims

Shukranlillāh: All thanks is for God

Tawfīq: Divine blessings from God that give one the opportunity and ability to thrive towards success

‘Ulamā’: Scholars

When our grandparents give us a gift, we say thank you. When our friends say something kind, we say thank you. We thank everyone around us, but how can we say thank you to Allah, who created us and takes care of us? Read *Be Thankful to Allah* to find out some of the creative ways you can truly thank Allah, the One who has given us everything!



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